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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE AND OTHER STATE
12 AGENCIES MEET TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN
13 REGARDING THE CAPITAL OUTLAY PROCESS.

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15 WHEREAS, requests have been made for more than three
16 billion five hundred million dollars (\$3,500,000,000) to fund
17 more than six thousand four hundred capital outlay projects in
18 the first session of the forty-seventh legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, if projects approved by the legislature and the
20 governor are to be funded as those policymakers wish, it is
21 important that the language describing the project be correct
22 and that the governmental entity receiving the funding be
23 prepared to timely begin and complete the project; and

24 WHEREAS, the house and senate committees that review
25 capital outlay requests might benefit from having more

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1 information about the details of those requests;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council service be
4 requested to convene a working group of staff from agencies
5 involved in the capital outlay process to discuss and seek to
6 resolve technical issues of mutual concern, including the
7 language used to describe capital requests, the methods that
8 are used and that could be used to assess the readiness of
9 entities to begin approved projects and the information that
10 might help policymakers make more informed decisions about
11 capital outlay requests; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff from the following
13 agencies be requested to participate in the working group: the
14 legislative finance committee, the department of finance and
15 administration, the department of environment, the department
16 of transportation, the aging and long-term services department,
17 the Indian affairs department, the public education department,
18 the commission on higher education, the interstate stream
19 commission, the office of the state engineer and such other
20 agencies as may be appropriate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be requested
22 to seek information on these issues from the chairs, members
23 and staff of the standing legislative committees that review
24 capital outlay requests; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its

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1 findings and recommendations, if any, to the New Mexico
2 legislative council prior to the second session of the forty-
3 seventh legislature; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the director of the legislative council service.

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